

Senate Resolution 101 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY WHITVER and PETERSEN

1 A Resolution honoring and congratulating Janet Hawkins.

2 WHEREAS, Janet Hawkins grew up on a family farm and
3 lived in small towns in Iowa during her childhood; and

4 WHEREAS, Janet attended Iowa State University,
5 graduating with a degree in elementary education and
6 special education; and

7 WHEREAS, after several years of teaching, Janet
8 accepted a position with the Iowa Legislative Service
9 Bureau in 1992 as a proofreader, learning, literally,
10 how a bill becomes a law; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1993, Janet transitioned to working
12 in the Iowa Code Office and the Administrative Code
13 Office, learning what happens "after" a bill becomes a
14 law; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1999, Janet accepted a position as a
16 member of the Senate staff, remaining for over twenty
17 years, enjoying the many friendships she developed
18 throughout the Capitol, diligently and painstakingly
19 tracking and processing bills and amendments, and
20 striving for excellence with the goal always to avoid
21 delay and disruption in the legislative process; and

22 WHEREAS, Janet will be missed not only for the
23 enthusiasm, dedication, professionalism, thoroughness,
24 expertise, reasoned judgment, and institutional
25 knowledge she brought to her position, but for the way
26 she approached her position, with modesty, integrity,
27 sincerity, civility, patience, kindness, respect, and
28 grace; and

1 WHEREAS, as Janet goes on to enjoy volunteering,
2 traveling, cheering for the Iowa State Cyclones,
3 and spending more time with her family, including
4 her husband John, and their children and families,
5 Jill (Roger) Lutz residing in Iowa, Ryan (Anabel)
6 Hawkins residing in Colorado, and Matt (Kelsey)
7 Hawkins residing in Alabama, and most especially
8 making memories with her grandchildren Juliana, Emily,
9 Mathias, and Luciana, the impact she has made on the
10 state of Iowa and the work of the Iowa General Assembly
11 will endure; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That Janet Hawkins
13 be publicly recognized for her years of service to
14 the state of Iowa and the Iowa General Assembly, and
15 congratulated on her retirement; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a formal copy of this
17 Resolution be presented to Janet Hawkins, with the
18 heartfelt thanks and good wishes of the Senate.